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SUBJECT: ICELAND/UK FISHERIES DISPUTE: NEW TRAWL CUTTING

1. ICELANDIC COAST GUARD SHIP ODINN CUT AT LEAST ONE TRAWL WIRE OF BRITISH FISHING BOAT CRYSTAL PALACE YESTERDAY 26 MILES FROM COAST. COAST GUARD COULD NOT CONFIRM WHETHER UK BOAT LOST NETS AND CATCH SINCE ICELANDIC VESSEL WAS REPORTEDLY CHASED FROM SCENE BY SEVERAL OTHER BRITISH TRAWLERS AND ONE TUGBOAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER CUTTING.

2. INCIDENT WAS FIRST OF KIND REPORTED BY COAST GUARD IN TEN DAYS AND ALSO FIRST SIGNIFICANT RUN-IN BETWEEN ICELANDIC AND UNCLASSIFIED

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BRITISH VESSELS SINCE LAST WEEK'S RAMMING AND SHOOTING OFF

SEYDISFJORDUR.

3. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, SEVERAL POLITICAL YOUTH GROUPS HAVE SCHEDULED PUBLIC RALLY DECEMBER 20 TO PROTEST FOREIGN "PLUNDERING" OF FISH STOCKS AND DEMAND BREAK IN RELATIONS WITH UK AND REVIEW OF ICELAND'S NATO MEMBERSHIP. RALLY GREW OUT OF SEYDISFJORDUR INCIDENT AND IS SPONSORED BY YOUTH WINGS OF ALL MAJOR PARTIES EXCEPT INDEPENDENCE PARTY. CAPITALIZING ON SATURDAY CHRISTMAS-SHOPPING CROWDS, DEMONSTRATION COULD HAVE MORE IMPACT THAN EARLIER RALLY (REYKJAVIK 1375), DESPITE DOUBTFUL MASS APPEAR OF ITS POLITICAL OVERTONES.

4. AS OF THIS MORNING AN ADDITIONAL BRITISH FRIGATE REPORTEDLY ARRIVED IN DISPUTED WATERS, BRINGING TOTAL WARSHIPS TO FOUR.
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